

Board Direction BD-019279-25 ABP-319633-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/03/2025.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- a) The Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government in 1996,
- b) The Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and Department and Environment, Community and Local Government Circular Letter PL07/12,
- c) The objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 2027,
- d) The nature, scale and location of the proposed telecommunications structure,

it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with national policy and guidance on telecommunications infrastructure, and in accordance with the policy objectives for Telecommunications Support Structures and Antennae, set out at Chapter 10 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027. It is also considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not adversely impact the character of the area or be seriously injurious to the visual or residential amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the proposed development to be a project for the purposes of the EIA Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination screening for EIA, or EIA, is required.

Conditions

1 The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity

2 Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of the development.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity

3 No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenities of the area

4 Surface water and drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services

Reason: In the interests of public health

5 The developer shall provide and make available on reasonable terms, the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antennae of third-party licenced telecommunications operators.

Reason: to avoid a multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and proper planning and sustainable development

At the expense of the developer, the telecommunications equipment associated with the proposed structures hereby permitted, shall be decommissioned and removed from site, when no longer in use.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

Note: The Board noted that in accordance with Section 34(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2020, as amended, a person shall not be entitled to carry out any development, solely by reason of a permission granted under that section.

Board Member

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